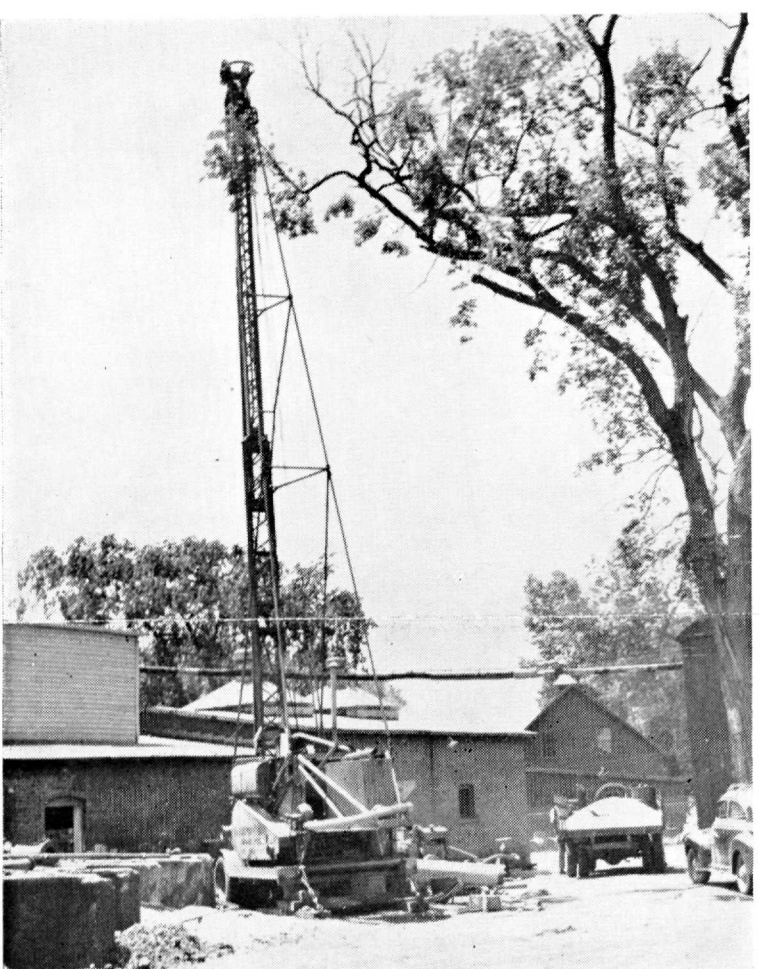


THE SPRAGUE LOG

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LOG CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY



The well-digging machinery in operation at the Brown Street Plant.
Photograph courtesy of C. J. Martin

Drilling At Brown Street

Yes, we've gone into the drilling business at Brown Street. Not for oil, but for that good old aqua pura. The R. E. Chapman Co. gravel packed well drillers from Oakdale, Mass. has been the source of much comment for many days down at Brown Street from all of us who are just naturally sidewalk engineers at heart. Despite all the technicalities that were involved it is nice to know that they did find water, because of or in spite of all our advice, I haven't decided which yet.

Complete Log File

I suppose it is only natural for us to be LOG enthusiasts, but it's quite a thrill for us to find that somebody else is one, too. We were thrilled and delighted to learn the other day that Mrs. A. B. Lindquist, wife of Mr. Lindquist in the Machine Shop, has kept a complete file of all the LOGS printed in the past ten years. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if Mrs. Lindquist's file is in better order than our own.

From The Editors

It is hard to evaluate on the anniversary issue just what the LOG has meant to us, the editors, for not only are we comparatively new to the LOG, we're very new as editors. We still get a little bit jittery as a deadline date approaches, but we are gradually evolving a philosophical attitude toward it all because some how or other we have always managed to get a LOG to press — but not without a great deal of help from the reporters and photographers, however.)

But maybe it's just as well that we are new to this work, for we haven't yet become blasé about it, but still think it's a lot of fun — but most of all we hope what we are doing means something to every employee of the Sprague Electric Company.

There are probably some things some of you don't like about the paper; (we hope that there is at least one thing everyone of you like about it.)

However, we have said this many times before, and we sincerely hope you believe us, we want to give you in this paper just what should interest you as an employee of the Sprague Electric Company, and we hope that most of the time it's what personally interests you.

New Masthead

All the faithful readers of the LOG will note that something new has been added, and that something new is the masthead above.

When it became apparent several months ago that a new masthead would be needed for the LOG (for like everything else it wears out, too) we thought it might be fun to try to have one designed that would be lighter in appearance and that would also give some indication of the type of work performed at the Sprague Electric Company. The above one is a composite of several designs that were submitted, and with the help of Mr. Arpiar Saunders of the Greylock Photo-Engraving Co. we evolved the one above. We had samples of it printed for all the LOG staff for the annual banquet in June, and since no objections were raised, we assumed it met with everyone's approval.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the printers at the Excelsior Printing Co. for making the other one "do" until this our 10th Anniversary issue, for we were most anxious to "save" the new masthead until now in order to present it on this momentous occasion.

We hope you all like it.

Patents Awarded

Three members of the laboratory staff at Marshall Street have received two patents on improved methods of manufacturing electrical condensers and have assigned these patent rights to the Sprague Electric Company.

Dr. Preston Robinson, vice-president of the company and head of the laboratories and Paul Netherwood, chemical engineer, jointly received a patent covering a new type electrical seal, employing a thermosetting resin such as melamine-formaldehyde, to seal the condenser's connecting wires and insulate them from the metal condenser case. The new sealing material is found to eliminate breakage common to glass seals and the shrinkage and deterioration of other types of resin seals.

Dr. John Burnham, chief engineer, received the other patent on an improved condenser which employs as its electrolyte a special solution of the chemical ammonium pentaborate dissolved in glycerin. The advantages claimed are that this solution avoids the high power factor loss at low temperatures common to condensers heretofore made, and prolongs the life of the condenser because the absence of uncombined water in the solution avoids corrosion of the condenser electrodes.

Ten Years Of Reporting The Activities And Interests Of Sprague Employees

As you can see by our headline, this is a great day for the LOG staff. It is the 10th anniversary of what we proudly call our "paper". Because of the importance of the event, it just didn't seem right that someone relatively new to the Log family should try to explain just what this birthday means, and so I have asked several people to do this job for me: Mr. Robert C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Electric Company, with whom the idea for the paper originated; Miss Etta Owen, who did much of the work for the early issues of the LOG; and Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild, who has been the longest at the LOG Desk and who is affectionately remembered by all the reporters. I am having printed here just what they sent me as a true expression of what the LOG has meant to them.

This is the Tenth Anniversary issue of the Sprague Electric "LOG", as Vol. 1, No. 1, the first issue, was published in August 1938. In a first page editorial in that issue, explaining the purpose of the Sprague "LOG", appeared the following statement — "Nothing is more vital to the success of a business enterprise than a proper understanding between all who are directly engaged in its operation The Sprague "LOG" is hereby dedicated to the cause of progress, better understanding and our mutual enjoyment."

That was a good statement of the purpose of the "LOG" at that time; (Continued on page 2)



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Home of Sprague condensers, situated at the western foot of the Mohawk Trail, North Adams, Mass.

"SPRAGUE LOG"

Nothing is more vital to the success of business enterprise than a proper understanding between all who are directly engaged in its operation. Our plant may well be compared to a ship, on a modern business voyage, with captain, officers and crew. To steam steadily ahead through varying weather it needs a minimum of restrictive regulations but a workable understanding, on all decks, of matters directly affecting the ship's progress.

This publication is designed to fill the needs of all Sprague workers in supplying timely information concerning plans and prospects for their business. Material describing products, policies, manufacturing processes, sales efforts, future markets, plans and ambitions, will be published, that we may have a more complete picture of conditions affecting our future welfare and that of the community.

Considerable space will be devoted to matters of local interest. We want you to know more about developments that take place during the Sprague voyage. We also want you to become better acquainted with the entire crew. Clean-cut stories, pictures and news of athletic, plant and social activities will be published, and everyone is urged to submit such material. It is our wish to make this little paper of lasting value and constructive interest, not only to you, but to your families as well.

The Sprague LOG brings some news, some lighter paragraphs, and some interesting and timely special messages to its readers so that everyone may obtain a better understanding of policies and problems in the hope that we may make Sprague products so well and so efficiently that the market for them will constantly increase. If with this increase we could also accomplish a more uniform production volume, one of the greatest difficulties for all of us would be removed.

The Sprague LOG is hereby dedicated to the cause of progress, better understanding, and our mutual enjoyment.

We affectionately reproduce the first page of the first LOG printed ten years ago this month.
Reproduction by Al Horsfall.

10th Anniversary

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it is an accurate and worthy statement of its purpose today — ten years later. A lot of water has gone over the dam in these ten years; our employment has increased from 500 to over 2000; our manufacturing facilities and number and complexity of our products have expanded enormously. From a modest beginning we have grown to be the largest industrial activity in our community. The "LOG" has kept pace with this growth and, I think, contributed substantially to it, by making possible a better knowledge of each other — of our various departments, and, from time to time, of important facts about our business. From ten issues a year covering one plant, the "LOG" has grown to twenty-six issues a year covering three plants. Our editorial and reporting staff has increased to over sixty persons who give freely and unstintingly of their time and energies.

To them and to all those who have preceded them I wish to extend my personal thanks for their efforts, and to express my confidence that with their continued help and under the guidance of our present editors, the "LOG" of the Sprague Electric Company will continue to grow and take an even more important place in our future than it has in our past.

Robert C. Sprague
President

On August 5, 1938 something new was added to the Sprague Electric Company (then the Sprague Specialties Company). On that day the first issue of the LOG was sent to the post office to be received by the employees the following day. It had been a lot of hard work, but a whole of a lot of fun collecting the material that went into it. I suppose from the view point of an editor it wouldn't rate very high — but to us, who worked on the first editions, it ranked with the Saturday Review of Literature.

Yes, on August 6, 1938, the LOG was delivered. It was small, but it was our baby and how we loved it! Like a mother we watched it grow, and like a mother we were proud but just a little sad knowing that in a few short years it would need more experienced hands to guide it.

It grew fast — way beyond our wildest expectations. After a very short time it had outgrown its swaddling clothes completely and a few reporters had to be added. Then it definitely started going places. As salesmen and customers were added to the mailing list the LOG traveled all over the world.

Then the war came, and like everything large and small, our little magazine changed. Over night it took on a serious tone. As signs appeared advising that "Talk Sinks Ships", we had to delete much of our technical material, and list of our boys in the service filled the spaces. When as the war wore on it occasionally carried a Gold Star on the Honor Roll it did it with sad but proud dignity.

It really grew up during these years, and by this time a full staff of plant editors and reporters was necessary to manage it, and it was twice its original size.

Now on its 10th anniversary with its New Look and its two editors, we know it's on its way to a real place among the plant publications of America. Yes, the new LOG is a great paper and we know that it is going to win honors one of these days — but, gosh, it was a cute baby, too.

Etta Owen

It was my pleasure and privilege to become associated with the Sprague LOG during those anxious and hectic years of the war when Sprague Electric employees worked long hours and at top speed to produce materials so vital to the winning of World War II.

At that period, the Sprague LOG was dedicated to more than "a better understanding and... mutual enjoyment." It was dedicated to SERVICE — to courage — and to distributing the home news to many of its employees who joined the Armed Services.

Day by day, the ranks of men of Sprague Electric diminished, as more of the Company's employees were called into combat. Their places were taken (as best they could) by their women folks — and production went on feverishly.

As a newcomer to the North Adams community, your writer did not personally know many of those boys and girls in Service — but she came to know them through their letters which they wrote to the LOG. Those letters piled in by hundreds from all parts of the world — from unfamiliar places in the Pacific which had heretofore been only pin dots on the map — or from more familiar places in Europe. They told a lot about how those boys felt; and mostly were crammed with gratitude for receiving the LOG. To many of them in Service, the LOG was their sole source of news of the folks back home. It came to them as first class mail and was delivered to them no matter where they were stationed. Through the medium of the LOG, a serviceman was able to follow the progress of his buddies in other parts of the world. He was also tickled to learn of the doings of his Department co-workers on the homefront, as related by his particular Department reporter in each issue. (I wonder if those Department reporters realize what a real service they were contributing to cheer their co-workers in Service!)

It was then that the LOG expanded to eight pages. The middle double spread of each issue was dedicated to the boys overseas — and many an issue of Service News spilled over to other pages. Your editor got to know the families of those Service boys and girls — rejoiced with them when the news from the front was good — and was saddened when she learned of an injury — or a fatality.

Yes, that was a wonderful period in which to be associated with the LOG! And when that phase was over, and peace restored, an employee of the Company was heard to remark "Now, what can you publish in the LOG, since there is no more Service News?" We could safely say there has never been a lack of material to publish for the Sprague Electric employees... not even in the trying period of reconversion... the LOG has carried on!



Claire Vincellette, daughter of Armand (Peanut) and Ruth Vincellette of Molding Department, Brown Street.

It has been an illuminating, rich experience, working on the LOG. It has meant contacting and knowing hundreds of the employees. It has meant experiencing the wonderful cooperation of so many on the LOG Staff — individual reporters, the Sports Editor, the Staff Photographer, the Dispensary, the Plant Editors — and those top individuals known as "Management."

To every individual reader of the LOG, please accept my hearty good wishes. And to the present Staff and Editors of the LOG, my warm wish for your continued success in molding the LOG to further the "cause of progress, better understanding and... mutual enjoyment."

In all sincerity,
Evelyn Fairchild

Television Production Outlook Bright

The electrical manufacturing industry is expected to turn out 750,000 television sets in 1948, compared with 170,000 in 1947 and 6,500 in 1946. It is estimated that by 1953 more than 16,000,000 sets, valued at \$3,000,000,000, will be produced.



Lieut. Herbert A. Field

The funeral services for Lieut. Herbert A. Field were held Friday afternoon, July 23rd in Williamstown. The body was met at the train by his family and by members of the American Legion Post of Williamstown and was escorted to Eastlawn cemetery where committal services were held with Dr. Philip L. Frick, pastor of the White Oaks Congregational church officiating.

Lieut. Field was born in Williamstown and attended the schools there, graduating from Williamstown High School in 1939. He was at one time employed at the Curtiss Wright plant in Buffalo, N. Y., after taking a course in aviation mechanics, at Aero, I.T.I., Glendale, California. Just previous to his enlistment he was employed in the Mica Department of the Sprague Electric Company. He entered the service in December, 1942 and was called for pre-flight training in March, 1943. After training as a fighter pilot, he was sent to England where he was assigned to the Ninth Air force as a P-40 fighter pilot. After the war was over Lieut. Field volunteered for special service in intelligence and it was while serving in this branch that he met his death as the result of an automobile accident at Welsheim, Germany, on July 1, 1945, and died two days later on July 3rd.

Lieut. Field is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Field of White Oaks Road, Williamstown; by his widow, Mrs. Ralph Smith of Joplin, Mo.; a son, Herbert A., Jr., also of Joplin; a sister, Mrs. Richard Weyers of Williamstown; and two brothers, Robert, of Williamstown, and Harold, Jr., of Greenfield.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mancuso of 171 Houghton Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Lucy, to Eugene M. Beaupre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Beaupre of 45 Valley Street, Adams. Dorothy is employed in the Engineering Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dobbert of Saratoga Springs, New York, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shirley, of 79 Natural Bridge Road to Kenneth Peat of Bracewell Avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Peat of Cohoes, New York. Shirley is employed in the F. P. Assembly Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald H. Chartrand of 163 Pleasant Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Dorine, to Nelson John Dunn, son of Mrs. Alice Dunn of 244 East Main Street. Phyllis is employed at the Marshall Street Plant in the Shipping Department.

Mrs. Mary Senecal of 52 Wheeler Avenue, Clarksburg, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Lord of 62 Rand Street, to Lawrence Clark of Middle Road, Clarksburg. Lawrence is employed in the Formation Control Department at Beaver Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Putney of Oliver St., Pittsfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joanne, to Mr. Edmund Hinkell, Jr. Ed is the son of Edmund Hinkell, Sr., a guard here at Sprague's, while Miss Putney is a registered nurse at the North Adams Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Samia of 244 Walnut Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louis Samia to James Joseph Sleeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sleeman of 310 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont. Mary is employed in the D.T.Q. Department at Marshall Street.

Weddings

Messina-MacTavish

Miss Mary V. MacTavish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. MacTavish of 128 Bracewell Avenue was married to Francis Joseph Messina, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Messina of 16 Ballou Street on July 31st. The bridegroom is employed in the Battery Department.

Girard-Marcoux

Miss Cecile A. Marcoux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andre Marcoux of 38 Spring Street was married to John F. Girard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosaire Girard of 4 Miner Street on July 31st. The bride is employed in the P.A.A. Rolling Department.

Lamphier-Donato

Miss Mary Elizabeth Donato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donato of 11 Leonard Street, Blackinton was married to Walter C. Lamphier of 15 Bingham Street, Williamstown on July 31st. The bridegroom is employed as a physicist in the Laboratory.



Claude A. Vincellette, son of Armand (Peanut) and Ruth Vincellette of Molding Department, Brown Street.

Briggs-McBride

Miss Shirley H. McBride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McBride of 51 Tremont Street was married to Nelson Franklin Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson W. Briggs of the Mohawk Trail on Saturday, July 10th. The bride is employed in the Prokar department at the Brown Street Plant.

Witto-Ross

Miss Agnes Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ross of 57 Davenport Street was married to Mr. Arnold Witto, Jr., son of Mrs. Ann Witto of Clarksburg and Arnold R. Witto on Saturday, June 26th. Nan is the daughter of William Ross of Production Engineering.

Bratcher-Morrison

Miss Alice M. Morrison, daughter of Mrs. James Morrison of Williamstown, was married to Henry Bratcher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bratcher also of Williamstown on July 31st. The bride is Mr. Cecy's secretary.

Paquette-Gilman

Miss Dorothy E. Gilman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilman of 184 Columbia Street became the bride of Wilfred Paquette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Paquette of 78 Winter Street, North Adams, on July 31st. The bride is employed in the Misc. Paper Assembly Department.

Births

A daughter, Patricia Ann, was born July 31st, to Franklin and Mary Williams. The father works in the Molding Dept. and Mary works in the A. C. Dept. Patricia's grandmother is Alice Gomeau of the Brown Street Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard LaCasse are rejoicing over the arrival of their first child, a baby girl who was born July 31st. Mother is Marguerite of the F. P. Assembly. The baby's grandfather, John Miller, of the F.P. Oven Dept., is very proud of his new grand-daughter.

A son, Gary James, was born August 1st to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tatro. The mother is Cecile of Dry Rolling Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. George Scott of 21 Chesbro Avenue are the parents of a son born July 19th. Mrs. Scott is Frances of the P.A.A. Rolling Department.

Nancy Tourjee is very happy over the arrival of her new sister, who was born July 20th. Parents are Harold and Eleanor, both of Check Inspection Department.

Shirley Therrien, former clerk in the Maintenance Dept., and her husband, Vincent, are very busy these days — and nights — with their new daughter, Catherine Carol, who arrived July 23.

July 10th, a daughter, Patricia Dawn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ovilla Trombley. The mother, Venice, works in the Resistor Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris are the parents of a daughter born July 12th. The mother, Florence, of the Paper Rolling Department, tells us the baby's name is Marcia Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cardimino have named their new daughter, Linda. Linda, whose mother is Edna of the P.A.A. Rolling Department, was born July 10th.

A daughter was born August 1, 1948 to Mr. and Mrs. Guido Libardoni, Guido works in the Ind. Oil Dept.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Kolis, August 6th. Mother is Lorraine of Molded Tubular Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livingston are the parents of a daughter born August 6th. Theresa of the Sample Dept. is the mother.

Beaver News

Paper Ignition Assembly By Esther Driscoll

Deep sympathy goes to Edna Mahar for the recent death of her father, Mr. Joseph Rougeau.

Welcome to our new members — Lillian Blair, Margaret Sherry, Rose Cassucelli, Irene Rowley, Helen Scarbo, Bernice DeMarsico, Yvette Contois, Frank Gassett, Jr., William ("Red") Baley, and Donald McShane. We hope you enjoy working with us.

Margaret Fitzgerald has more than her share of hard luck. She is now recuperating from a recent operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope she'll soon be back with us.

July seems to be THE month for vacations. So far we have heard from fifteen members who have enjoyed vacations. They are — Amelia Dean—Detroit, Michigan
Esther Driscoll—

Hoosac Lake and Boston
Catherine Scott—

Camping at Vergennes, Vt.
Yvonne Perras—Lake Bomoseen, Vt.
and Lake Willoughby, Vt.
Alice Kawa—Boston and New York
Margaret Perrault—Montreal, Canada
Robert Leveque—

Flew to Boston and Canada
Alice Bowen—West Newbury, Mass.
Doris Charon—At home
Melva Heelen—Springfield, Mass.
Alphonse LaFountain—

Hartford, Connecticut
Alberta Dupree—At home
Genevieve Bancroft—Ocean Beach,
New London, Conn.

Agnes O'Grady—

Atlantic City, New Jersey
We're glad to see "Midge" Manchini and Pat Lampiasi back to work after being out on leaves.

Doris Charon was quite excited the other day and she really had a good reason — her Dad won a new 1949 Ford car from the American Legion festival in Adams.

Can Shop

By Harry Trombley

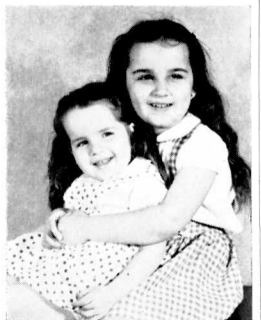
Joe Spagnolo seems to have gone in for that sunshine since the missus punches her card at the Beaver Plant. Cliff Domenichini did a tour of duty with the local National Guard at Camp Edwards.

Ray Chalfoux, Walt Ragowski, and "Pink" Sherman will have had their vacations at publishing time.

Jimmie Scarbo has been very punctual in his attendance at work. Do you suppose that Mrs. Scarbo who is now employed at the Beaver Street Plant has anything to do with it?

Ernie Charbonneau is happy again now that his wife is back from the Plunkett Hospital in Adams after an appendectomy.

I wonder if Bill Hussey will be any different after he becomes a papa.



Judy Marie, age 3, and Patty Ann Girgenti, age 5, children of Andrew Girgenti, foreman of Maintenance. Mrs. Girgenti used to work in Gas Mask.

Formation

By James Shea

We extend our deepest sympathy to John L. Mancini and John B. Mancini on the recent death of their mother and grandmother respectively.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Warren Clough on the death of his wife.

Betty Bogus created quite a stir on her return from a recent trip to New York. Betty was wearing a beautiful diamond on her third finger. Everyone was trying to "guess who" when Betty told us her sister gave the stone to her.

Congratulations to Dave Bourassa and his wife on the birth of their son.

"Babe" Gilbert is glad to be back to work so he can rest up. Babe undertook extensive repairs in his new home during his vacation. He claims he had only 2 hours one afternoon to relax.

Larry Weld wants to know if the driver of the car is responsible if one of his passengers throws his lunch out of the window while riding to work.

For the information of the operators, Bob Welch is not banging snipe or looking for butts when he goes around lifting up the floor boards. He was only looking for a stray pivot tooth that has a habit of popping out when he joins in one of the department discussions.

There must be a new department in Sprague's that we have not heard of. A fellow from another department walked into Formation and said, "This department is hotter than H".

George Senecal is back from his vacation and things are back to normal. People calling the department will not have to inquire, "Is Shea or Hewitt there?" until next year.

Engineering Specs

By H. Goodale and D. Mancuso

VACATIONS

Ray Lamoureux—Lake Champlain, boating, swimming, and side trips to nearby points of interest.

Elaine Goodrich — two wonderful weeks at Hampton Beach—a song or two on the side.

Joe O'Brien — at home.

Doris Langer—at home, swimming and a hike up to Mt. Greylock, also a trip to Boston to see the Boston Braves play.

Bob Windover—at home, plenty of good food and good weather for swimming and hiking, also a trip to Boston. Jane Zabek—swimming, sunshine and a couple of days in Boston for the ball games.

Bob McPherson — Red Sox vs. Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians with Bobby Feller, also, swimming at Lake Shafsbury.

Fred Crosier—a wonderful week at Lake Shafsbury.

Lucius Henry—took a trip to Perry and Penn Yan, New York.

Harold Farnum has just completed a busy week of jury duty at the July sitting of Superior Court.

Dry Tubular Assembly

By Sophie Wilk

Vacations:

Norma Davignon—Connecticut
Leo Robinson—New York City
Florence L'Ecuier—

Canada and New York City
Frank Bernardo—At Home

Sophie Bryda—New York City

Irene Simonelli—At Home

"Tonic" Connell—Plymouth

Tessie Czaja—

Plum Beach, N. H. and Springfield

Sophie Bryda had a wonderful time in New York City but her little boy caught the measles.

"Tonic" Connell came back to work with one of the most beautiful tans we have seen. She said she's saving her money to go back in a few weeks.

Pedestrians, beware! Lila Abraham has obtained her license. Thought it only fair to let you know. (Here's where I start walking.) Seriously, Lila's an excellent driver.

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

Vacation time has come and most gone, and we find:

Mildred Sniezale having had a wonderful time in New Bedford, Mass.

Mary Zito at Saratoga and Lake Erie where she visited her son and family. She said the lake was beautiful.

Helen Harrington at Windsor, Vermont. She says she loves Vermont.

Stephanie Szurek looking for a thrill on Blueberry Hill in Windsor, Mass.

Maude Waska at Plymouth, Penn. where she enjoyed being cool.

Edna Cwierniewicz at Suffolk

Downs, Boston where she "lost".

Charles Derocher, in Springfield, Mass. He went in the water once just to get his suit wet. I wonder what he would look like "all wet".

Mathilda Carter was in Canada and she really enjoyed her trip.

Elizabeth Hunt was in Springfield and Boston. The trip and the weather were just fine.

Florence Lincoln—home in Stamford, Vt.

Agnes Perry—around town.

Caroline Grant—around town
Frances Gayda—Windsor Lake
Clara Marceau—

around town and places
Henry Meczywor—

Lake George and loads of fun.
Velma Lincoln—visiting her son at
Camp Ashmere and home in
Stamford, Vt.

Frances Solari cut her leg quite badly last week, so she'll be home for a few days.

Upper Offices

By Flo and Sue

VACATIONS:

Bill Campedelli—Enjoyed his vacation at home playing with his son.

Dom. Esposito—Attended a double-header at Boston on the Fourth and did some traveling up into New York State.

Lydia Camadine—Went to Lake George for a week and had a wonderful surprise awaiting her return. A new Chevrolet convertible to ride around in.

John Puppulo—Three guesses where Johnny spent his vacation after you see his marvelous tan. You guessed it, Hampton Beach.

Hazel Geraghty—Is enjoying her vacation resting up at home.

Marion Pinsonnault—Wants a tan like John P. so also went to Hampton Beach.

Helen Root—Is enjoying her week in Nantucket, absorbing a lot of sun and fresh air.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Virginia Mumford into our midst and hope she will like working here. Virginia is employed as secretary to Mr. Burke of Factory Engineering.

Ellen Horsfall enjoyed a double-header game last Sunday at Boston, where she saw "her" Red Sox take both games from St. Louis and as a result, Ellen could hardly talk Monday.



Barbara Carpenter of Production Engineering on her vacation at Windsor Pond.

F. P. Drys

By Florence Harris

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard LaCasse on the birth of a daughter July 31st. The mother is Marguerite of the Test, and John Miller of the Ovens is the proud grandfather.

VACATIONS:

Sally LaFlamme at home. Have Sally tell you about all the housecleaning she accomplished.

Emma Vivori, with her daughter Olga, on a motor trip to New York City, Brooklyn, Walden, N. Y., and New Jersey.

Norma Harris—vacation or honeymoon?

Hazel Russell — at Old Orchard Beach, Me. We appreciated the cards, Hazel.

It gave us a chance to start this year's collection.

Alice Senecal at her camp on Lake Ashmere.

Leona Charbonneau—Asbury Park, N. J. and New York City.

John Pierce started on a vacation and was away all week, but he can't tell you where he went. It sounds bad, but it seems he can't remember the name of the lake.

Fred King attended some ball games in Boston. He must have been awfully dry to go visiting in the Hampden Brewing Co.

Julia Abraham in Connecticut. I wonder what the attraction is? That's the second time this year.

Vivian Delisle, Doretta Blanchard, Anne Davine and Catherine Krol — at home.

Congratulations to June Bunting on her initial solo flight. A group of co-workers helped her celebrate at the 1896 House.

What is the story about Roy Cook shopping for twin high chairs?

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massaconi

Welcome to our department "Jo" Magin, Lena Ducharme and Della Krol.

More Vacationists —

Ella Marcon—New York

Flora Duquette—Troy, New York

Emma Reardon—Home

Good luck to Francis Messina.

Francis (a former co-worker) was recently married.

Marshall Street

D.T.Q. Rollers

By Roma Rumgay

Let's look at a few of the places people of our department have gone to on their vacations:

Irene Anton—

Hilltop Rest, Windsor Pond
"Vishy" Wisniewski—Newport, R. I.
Dot Mellillo—New Haven, Conn.

Hazel Babcock—At Home

Josephine Sacco—At Home

Velma Blazejewski—At Home

Stanley Oslizlo—Fort Devens

Miles O'Grady—New York

Rose Mellin—Atlantic City

Tony Marino—Bar Harbor, Maine

Eva Brown—Rangle Lakes, Maine

Celia Gebauer—

At Home and Boston week-end
Rachel LaVersa—At Home

"Silver" Lepine—Boston

Roma Rumgay—

Connecticut, Rhode Island

Anita MacIvergan—Canada

Mary Samia is walking around with stars in her eyes and her head in a cloud. Could it be that a new ring—third finger, left hand — has anything to do with it? Best wishes, Mary.

"Vishy" Wisniewski returned from a week in Newport, R. I., with a handsome sailor's picture in her wallet. She claims he's just a child. Some child, hey girls!

DTQ Miscellaneous Drys

By Cecile Risch

Vacations:

Hattie Roy—Albany

Olivia Richard—Home

Regina Cellana—Home

Dot and Fran Royal—

Maine and New Hampshire

Cecil Risch—Canada

Leda King—Canada

"Gus" Jammallo—Lake George

Congratulations, Viola Dempsey, on

celebrating your 28th anniversary.

Hope you have many, many more.

Testers . . .

Buzz — Buzz — Buzz

You should really stand to one side and listen to them. You can't tell if you're in a chicken coop or a ball park. Each one has a strike of his own.

In case of an emergency and you want to say a few prayers in a hurry ask Esther Bemis to teach you a few that she knows. She won't guarantee you to get to heaven though.

Shipping

By Gold Dust Twins

Bernice Gentile has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Philadelphia.

William Grogan is back to work full of pep and energy after spending two weeks' vacation at Cape Cod.

Claire Mancine has returned from Atlantic City, with a beautiful tan. From all reports she had a wonderful time.

Jack Callahan spent his two weeks' vacation at his camp at Windsor Pond and in Boston attending a ball game.

Pat Davis is enjoying his two weeks' vacation in New York.

Jean Charon is spending her vacation at Atlantic City.

Brown Street

PAA. Wrapping and Testing

By Marie De Marsico

VACATIONS:

Evelyn Sherman—At home getting a much needed rest.

Marie De Marsico—Boston

Gwen Primmer—Cape Cod

Julia Demolin—Camping

Farewell to Helen Golka. We've enjoyed working with you. May all your troubles be little ones.

Flash! Have Evelyn Sherman tell you about the poem of Spring.

Resistors--Navy Line

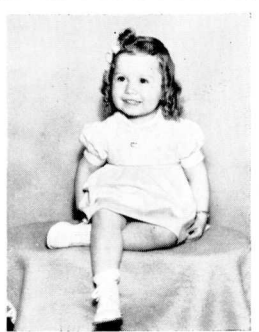
By Mary E. Bua

Art Bissailon is spending a two week vacation at home building an outdoor fireplace. Here's where we all go on a hot dog roast at Art's some day.

Another vacationist this month is Rita Theberge.

Pat Kenyon is sporting a new lovely, cool-looking hair-do.

Marguerite Todd is still wearing out her shoes looking for an apartment.



Patty Lee Pierce, age two daughter of Bill Pierce, foreman of the Resistor Department at Brown Street. Mrs. Pierce formerly worked for Check Inspection.



Stafford Lewis, supervisor in the Boxing Department at Beaver Street, getting all set to go with his new 7½ H.P. outboard motor. Staff and his wife recently spent a week-end at Packard Heights in Athol.

Maintenance

By Little Lulu

Correction: Al Cardinal spent his vacation at Suckers' Hole in South Williamstown and not at the Cascades in the Notch as was previously stated. John (Smiler) Rossi is back from his vacation and things are running smoothly once again. While he was out three extra men were hired to take his place besides the usual crew from Marshall Street. Wotta man, yeah, wotta man!

Charlie (Baby Sitter) Wilson spent a week of his vacation playing nursemaid to his grandchildren. We hear Charlie is really a baby sitter evenings, with babies between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five preferred. Nice racket, Mr. Wilson.

They say Charlie Dean was so disappointed at not getting a deer last winter that when one of his neighbors casually remarked that a deer was seen in his back yard recently, Charlie was up there the following night, dressed like Robin Hood, bow and arrow and all.

Tony Woloski spent his vacation at Windsor Lake, better known as the Fish Pond. Gosh, but the wrecking crew boys really travel, don't they?

"Better Luck Next Time", that's the song the wrecking crew is singing to Al (play boy) Cardinal these days. It seems Al started out to prove recently, that the best man at a wedding is always the best man. According to all reports, Al didn't do so well, soooo, Better Luck Next Time, Al.

Wire Coating

By Corena Tatro

Betty Jangrow says dogs may be dogs but nine baby puppies sure are a basketful.

Lucille Miller and family are enjoying a week in New Hampshire.

Blue eyes, blond hair, quite a little heart breaker or dark eyes and curly hair sure spells lover. Who are they? Could they be Herby Palmer and Joe Zona?

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Miller have returned home from Boston where they spent two weeks at the beach.

We almost think we are back in the gay nineties whenwe see Louis Arnold strutting around here with a brand new mustache.

Hints to the Handy Man

Don't throw away your broken garden rake. Remove the handle and attach the head to the wall. Tools will hang neatly between the tines and make a handy tool rack, says *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine.

HINSDALE LASSIES DEFEAT SPRAGUE

The Sprague girls met a decisive defeat at the hands of the Hinsdale girls in a softball game, the score being 20-5. The winners took command with seven runs in the third and chalked up seven more in the last inning. The summary:

Sprague Girls									
	ab	r	h	po	a	e			
Wittig, 1b.....	4	1	1	4	2	1			
Wisnowski, p....	4	2	2	2	2	0			
Baliakas, ss.....	3	1	2	3	2	2			
Miklas, 3b.....	3	0	1	3	4	0			
Pinsonneault, lf..	4	1	2	5	0	0			
King, c.....	3	0	1	1	0	0			
Darling, 2b.....	3	0	0	3	2	1			
Hartman, cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Roy, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Anton, 2b.....	0	0	0	0	1	0			
	30	5	9	21	13	4			
Hinsdale									
	ab	r	h	po	a	e			
R. Croughwell, ss.	6	3	4	0	2	0			
Mason, 3b.....	5	0	3	0	3	0			
M. Croughwell, c.	5	2	3	1	1	0			
B. Bauman, p.....	6	2	1	3	4	0			
Cotter, 1b.....	5	2	2	8	1	2			
Loman, cf.....	5	3	3	2	0	0			
Pinchinihuck, 2b..	5	3	3	1	3	1			
Bean, lf.....	5	2	2	3	0	0			
E. Bauman, rf....	5	3	2	3	0	0			
	47	20	23	21	14	3			
Sprague.....		010	003	1—	5				
Hinsdale.....		107	104	7—	20				

Runs batted in, Croughwell, Cotter, Luman, Bean, Balaikas, Pinsonneault. Two-base hits, Cotter, Mason. Stolen bases, Bean, Cotter, Bauman, King. Sacrifice hits, Mason, Bauman. Base on balls, Wisnowski 1, Bauman 2. Struck out, Wisnowski 1, Bauman 6. Double plays, Pinchinihuck to Cotter. Wild pitch, Bauman. Umpires, F. Wilson, K. Russell. Time of game, 1 hour, 10 minutes.

Resistors

By Della Keating

Best wishes to Theresa Pisano Morocco on her recent marriage to Raymond Morocco. The department presented her with a lovely gift.

Stella Beauchamp looks charming these days with her new hair-do. VACATIONS:

Kit Roedel—Hedges Lake, Cambridge, N. Y. and Cape Cod.

Margaret Cutter—Springfield and Pittsfield.

Theresa Morocco—Honeymooning in New York, Albany, and Springfield. Viola Gamari—Stockbridge and Home.

SPORTS

Baseball:

For New England fans who are ardent rooters of the Boston clubs, the past few weeks have sent rays of hope for a subway series. Both the Braves and Red Sox have been on top of their respective leagues. The Boston Braves lead by 5 full games at this writing but the Red Sox are now a full game behind the Philadelphia Athletics and are tied with the Indians and Yankees for the runner-up spot. The American League at this moment has all of the ear-marks of a ding-dong-battle right down to the wire.

Minor Leagues:

The Lynn Red Sox are once more in the top rung of the New England League and Dale Long, a former Adams athlete, is hitting well-over .300 and batting in the clean-up spot while doing an excellent job in handling the 1st base assignment.

The Pittsfield Electrics in the Canadien-American League are currently in a winning streak that has carried them from 7th to 5th and only a few games out of the 1st division. In their last home stand the Electrics won 13 while dropping but 3.

In the Northern League the Bennington Generals, for whom Art Keller, Adams athlete, and crack pitcher, is laboring in the runner-up spot. Another lad in this section, Hank Bunoski of Williamstown, is the first string catcher and a very capable job he is doing, we might add.

Semi-Pro:

The Williamstown Legion is at this time leading for top honors in the second half. The other clubs, however, are very closely bunched near the peak and within easy striking distance. Many of the High School athletes are playing with these clubs and gaining valuable experience for later use in the High School League.

Softball:

The Northern Berkshire Twilight Softball league is featuring an outstanding ball club this year that has won about every game played. This club was originally called the Cornish Wire but have since changed sponsors and are now known as Belouin's Cafe. It took a very good out-of-town club to pin a defeat on the local lads and this was accomplished when the opposing pitcher with good support shut out the Cafe boys 5-0 on just one infield hit.

In the Inter-Plant Men's League the Maintenance has won honors for the first half. However the second half has all the promise of a close fight for top honors.

Local Boxing:

During the past four weeks the fans have turned out in goodly number to see some real good out-door boxing shows. About three weeks ago the Meadowbrook Management brought in a colored light-heavy by the name of "Doc" Williams and he has been largely responsible for the large turn outs each Thursday night. "Young Amos", a local colored boxer has also put on a well-pleasing show for the fans and his performances are worthy of the fan praise as he is ever trying. However, there are always those certain few who like to see the local boys, be they colored or white, take a licking. I, personally, don't know why.

Olympics:

Well, just as predicted by the sports writers, the U.S.A. is running away with the unofficial Olympic title. However, water polo, fencing, shooting and soccer seems to be a European stand out as they excel in each. From the Near East wrestling is predominating.

SPRAGUE LASSIES WIN AT SOFTBALL

The Sprague Girls defeated the Bennington Girls in a recent softball game, the score being 12-11. The local team tallied three runs in the last inning to win. Miss Barschdorf pitched for the winners. It was a hard hitting game with plenty of bingles sprinkled through the seven innings. The summary:

Sprague Girls									
	ab	r	h	po	a	e			
Wittig, 1b.....	5	1	1	8	0	1			
Wisnowski, 2b...	5	2	3	2	2	0			
Baliakas, ss.....	5	2	2	2	1	1			
Miklas, 3b.....	5	2	3	1	0	0			
Roy, rf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0			
King, c.....	4	1	2	3	0	0			
Anton, lf.....	4	2	2	0	0	0			
Barschdorf, p....	4	1	0	5	4	0			
Thompson, cf....	4	1	2	0	0	0			
	40	12	16	21	7	2			
Bennington Girls									
	ab	r	h	po	a	e			
Houran, c.....	5	3	3	3	0	0			
Coonradt, p.....	4	2	4	3	1	0			
Lominski, 1b....	4	1	2	6	0	1			
LaBarge, 2b....	4	1	1	1	3	0			
Brush, 3b.....	4	1	2	0	4	0			
Mears, ss.....	4	1	3	3	4	1			
Hedding, lf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0			
Fleming, cf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0			
McClelland, rf...	4	0	1	1	0	0			
Vallee, rf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Bishop, ss.....	1	0	0	0	0	1			
	39	11	20	19	12	3			
Sprague's.....		301	221	3—	12				
Bennington.....		224	010	2—	11				

Runs batted in, Coonradt 3, Mears, Houran 3, Wisnowski 2, Baliakas 2, King 2; two-base hits, King, Roy, Coonradt; three-base hit, Baliakas; stolen base, King; sacrifice hits, Wittig, Wisnowski, Mears; base on balls, Coonradt 4; struck out by Barschdorf 3; double plays, Wisnowski to Wittig 2; wild pitch, Barschdorf. Umpires, Emery and Mackey. Time, 1:10.

SPRAGUE LASSIES LOSE AT SOFTBALL

Beaten in a Return Game at Bennington Last Evening by Score of 27-15

The Sprague Girls' softball team was beaten 27-15, in a return game with the Bennington Girls at the Vermont town last evening, the home team squaring accounts for the defeat which they met in the first contest played in this city. The game was marked by hard hitting on the part of both clubs. Bennington started off with seven runs in the first stanza and rang up 10 to clinch the victory in the fourth. Miss Davis featured at the bat with a home run, a triple and two singles, driving home four runs. The summary:



"Bucky" Bernardi at bat during a recent game. (Incidentally, this turned out to be a home run ball.)

Kenny Russell

Sprague									
	ab	r	h	po	a	e			
Wittig, 1b.....	5	2	2	3	4	0			
Wisnowski, 2b, p.	5	2	2	5	2	1			
Baliakas, cf.....	5	3	3	0	0	1			
Pinsonneault, p, ss..	5	2	1	4	3	0			
Miklas, 3b.....	5	1	2	2	2	3			
King, c.....	4	2	2	1	0	0			
Barschdorf, 3b...	3	1	2	3	2	0			
Darling, lf.....	3	1	2	0	0	0			
Hartman, rf.....	3	1	1	0	0	1			
Anton, lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0			
Roy, rf.....	2	0	1	0	0	0			
	42	15	18	18	14	6			
Bennington									
	ab	r	h	po	a	e			
Houran, c.....	5	1	3	1	0	0			
Coonradt, p.....	6	3	2	6	2	1			
Lominski, 1b.....	5	4	2	8	1	0			
LaBarge, 2b.....	5	3	2	1	2	1			
Brush, 3b.....	5	4	3	0	4	0			
Couch, ss.....	5	4	2	2	3	0			
Fleming, rf.....	5	2	2	0	0	0			
Bishop, lf.....	5	5	3	1	0	0			
Davis, cf.....	4	1	4	2	0	0			
	45	27	23	21	13	2			
Sprague.....		000	202	11—	15				
Bennington.....		721	1052	x—	27				

Runs batted in, Brush 3, Fleming 2, Davis 4, Couch 3, Bishop 4, Coonradt 3, Baliakas 3, King 2, Barschdorf 1, Wittig 2, Wisnowski 3; two-base hits, Coonradt, Lominski, King; three-base hits, Davis; home runs, Davis; stolen bases, Lominski; sacrifice hits, Prush, Bishop, Pinsonneault; base on balls, Wisnowski 2, Coonradt 3; struck out, Wisnowski 1, Coonradt 4; passed ball, Miklas.

SPRAGUE INTER-PLANT SOFTBALL Brown Street

	ab	h	r	po	a	e
Puppolo, lf.....	4	3	4	0	0	0
Vincelette, cf.....	4	3	4	1	0	1
Libardoni, 3b....	4	2	2	3	3	0
Bergeron, 1b.....	3	3	3	6	1	0
Brown, p.....	4	3	2	3	2	0
Roy, c.....	3	3	1	1	0	0
Mongano, sf.....	4	1	1	0	0	1
Russell, rf.....	4	2	2	3	0	0
Durocher, 2b.....	3	2	2	3	3	0
Fitzpatrick ss....	3	2	2	2	1	0
	36	24	23	21	10	2

Marshall Street

	ab	h	r	po	a	e
Sacco, cf.....	3	1	3	1	0	0
Damon, sf.....	3	2	1	1	0	0
Gamari, 3b.....	3	0	0	1	2	3
G. Roy, ss.....	3	1	0	1	3	0
Racette, lf.....	3	1	0	3	0	0
Burdick, 1b.....	2	1	0	4	0	0
Wood, 2b.....	4	0	1	2	1	1
Gardzina, c.....	2	0	0	2	0	2
Lipa, p.....	3	0	1	3	2	0
M. Siebert, rf....	3	1	2	0	0	2
	29	7	8	18	8	8

Two-base hits, Damon, Sacco, Bergeron, Brown; three-base hits, Durocher; Home runs, Bergeron, Sacco.